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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Eric Anderson and I am a local resident and active diver of the Sonoma-Mendocino area. I chose to retire in this area because diving is my life. Unfortunately, I do not own property at The Sea Ranch. Therefore I purchase an annual Sonoma County Park users pass that allows me to access my favorite diving grounds on The Sea Ranch. I use all access points because each has their individual drawing power. Some areas offer large abalone while others may support rockfish and scallops. Many of my friends come to this area to dive with me. Many rent vacation homes, eat in the local restaurants, shop locally, purchase groceries and fuel while vacationing here. My children and grandchildren are also divers. We have taught them to respect the laws and the importance of promoting a healthy environment, and I truly believe diving builds character and character builds integrity. Because of the safe entry and egress spots on The Sea Ranch I feel very secure in having them pursue the sport that has been so good to me.

I am particularly downhearted and distraught to believe the MLPA Commission is considering closing 3 of the Sonoma Parks access points on the Sea Ranch to diving and fishing. I find this consideration to be an unwarranted option. These areas under consideration for closure are active areas that many have used for years. Many divers, such as my family members and friends, do not own boats and cannot access areas that are only accessed by special interest groups. The Sea Ranch access points were built to provide the populace areas that could be used by every one. Don't close them!

**Sincerely,
Eric Anderson**